

Notes from Group 2

Please note, the following notes were typed up directly from the flip chart notes taken at the meeting. City staff are currently working to identify consistent concerns and common themes, which will be posted separately.

Introductory comments

- Continue the neighborhood planning process.
- 6 neighbors were aware that projects were from neighborhood planning efforts.
- Strong neighborhood advocacy has been successful for getting projects done!
- ½ mile radius may not be the best way to approach, linear set-up, consider topography when setting station are a boundaries

Beacon Hill resident-led discussion summary

- Streetscape enhancement (Beacon Av/15th).
- Blvd connection.
- New/variety of local businesses.
- Lander St – full closure (extend across Beacon to 15th).
- Mix of housing.
- Increase density to support retail.
- Consider NC 50/NC 55 (mid-range) zoning.
- Pedestrian safety and access.
- Overall public safety and security.
- Neighborhood design standards.
- Re-direct arterial traffic off Beacon.

Resident Presentation

- Focus on urban village and its linear connection down Beacon. Boundaries adjusted to relate to topography and pedestrian connections and context.
- Protection of existing neighborhoods (primarily single-family)
- Projected growth focused in urban village.
- (5) residents attended pancake breakfast→desire to continue this involvement.

How did you hear about this meeting?

- Blog, previous Planning efforts, mail, BH peds, through job, family?
- How do you want to keep in touch?
 - Email
 - Blog
 - Posting in coffee shops and library.
 - Churches
 - Need to reach out to members not represented today (such as churches)

What Group 2 participants like

- Historic homes/proximity to downtown.

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- Views.
- Diversity.
- Public space.
- Residential feel.
- Transportation choices.
- Lack of chain stores.

What Group 2 participants want to see more of

- Activity on street.
- More amenities at pedestrian space.
- Zoning enforcement (code enforcement).
- *Safety at new station ←key to pedestrian space and vitality.
- Plaza at S Lander St.
- Beacon Hill Junction Plan (inspiration: Lincoln Square in Chicago).

What is important in regards to housing

- Mixed use and affordable housing incorporated in new development.
 - Mixed incomes
 - Look for examples of creating nice places, attractive to everyone.
- Flexibility in “retail” on 1st floor of mixed use (goal – no vacancies).
- Enhance **retail identity** focus.
- Need for zoning changes to support retail (to support retail/density).
- Enhance streetscape for **pedestrian vitality**.
- Pedestrian vitality through streetscape improvements and identity through streetlights/sidewalks, other amenities.
- Beacon improvements from Jefferson to McClellan (potential **blvd.**)
- Bridge the gap in zoning height to somewhere between NC-40’ (3 stories) to 65’ (6). (break in height) **NC-55?**
- Focus in on area.
- Look at Othello project at 65’ as a potential model.
- Maintaining **local grocery**.
- More garbage cans as a method to have cleaner streets, especially where there is current pedestrian traffic (near bus stops, by market, and elementary school).
- **Improve transportation links** to discourage park & ride in neighborhood.
- Supportive of Design Review
- For residential in progress (4 – 8 units).

What retail uses participants want to see on Beacon Hill

- Grocery store/yoga/coffee shop.
- **Variety** (need more) in retail uses.
- Width of street and its relation to **pedestrian safety and activity** (too wide currently).

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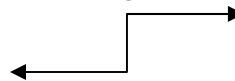
- **Pedestrian scale** lighting and other **amenities**.
- Permeable pavement (brick treatment?), (LID techniques).
- Bicycle police/bike station→storage, repair.
- **Enhance bike safety.**
 - Coordinate all bike lanes/paths and their connection.
- Need for more urban open space/pocket parks.
- **Full street closure at S Lander St**, and enhancement of a plaza area in that space.
(Follow up – why not full closure)?
- Additional access through greenbelt – connection to SODO.
- Greenbelt improvements.

Sustainability

- Jefferson Park (West)→opportunity.
- Possibility for P-patch.
- Transportation systems.
- Diverse businesses (decrease vehicle trips).
- Local services for local residents.
- Activities at Jefferson Park
- WALKABILITY
- New development to address and reward pedestrian.
- Energy efficiency (Green Building, LEED).
- Question: Un-used ROW? Opportunities?
 - Near greenbelt.
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Green space that is there may be under-utilized due to fear for safety.

Key Points

1. Value of having or knowing plan and matrix.
 - People were unaware of plan as an implementation tool
 - Outreach to communities of color.
 - Need mix of affordable housing.
2. Sustainability - business and environment.
 - Zoning must get us what we want→Will existing zoning accomplish this?
 - What are mechanisms for, including zoning? For change?
 - Analysis – threshold of density.
 - Exploding populating growth.
 - Re-open overlay.
 - Park, recreation, open space needed as part of urban village development.
 - Multi-cultural parks.



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- Multi-lingual wayfinding.
 - Pedestrian-friendly, bike, bus linkages (small vans) (12th Av & W. Seattle)
 - Conservation of diversity of businesses.
 - Community identity.
 - Coordination with N. Rainier.
 - Gardening – P-Patch, Jefferson Park, Rooftops.
 - Pl boxes flower.
 - Observation tower.
 - Meeting space.
 - Theater/auditorium.
 - Children's theater.